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GAS SYSTEM EXPANDED IN LARGE USSR CITIES

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

In the RSFSR the number of apartments supplied with gas was five times greater in 1950 than in 1940. From 1940 to 1950 the supply of gas for the citizens' needs increased 5½ times.(1)

In Moscow, 1,500 kilometers of gas mains were laid from 1946 to 1950 (2), bringing the number of apartments supplied with gas up to 56,413.(3) It is expected that 50,000 additional apartments will have gas in their kitchens in 1951.(2)

In Leningrad, 73.3 kilometers of gas pipelines were added to the city gas system in 1950, and by the beginning of 1951 the Lenzgas Trust was supplying gas to 3,837 houses and to more than 125,000 apartments. Altogether, 213,500 gas fixtures were in use.(4)

The city gas workers fulfilled their pledge, and by 1 May 1951 connected 2,369 apartments in Moskovskiy, Kirovskiy, Smol'ninskiy, Vasileoyevskiy, and other Leningrad rayons with the gas system. During the first 4 months of 1951, 8.2 kilometers of gas mains were laid and put into operation on Bol'shoy prospekt, in the 15th and 26th blocks of Prospekt imeni Stalin, and on the 4-aya and 5-aya liniya (streets) of Vasil'yevskiy Ostrov, thus bringing the total length of the gas pipelines to over 358 kilometers and the total number of apartments connected with the gas system to 134,000.(5) By the end of the first half of 1951, the length of the newly added gas pipelines increased to 42,385 kilometers, bringing the total length of gas pipelines to 365 kilometers while the number of apartments newly supplied with gas increased to 10,500.(6)

In Kuybyshev, the Volga area natural gas is being used increasingly. Nearly 7,000 apartments were provided with gas during 1950. In addition, 1,500 apartments will soon be connected with the gas mains.(7)

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In the Ukrainian SSR, the Dashava-Kiev gas pipeline, which was completed and put into operation 2½ years ago, has supplied the city of Kiev alone with hundreds of millions of cubic meters of natural gas and is also supplying gas to Tarnopol', Berdichev, and other cities.

In 1950, the cities of the Ukraine had 19 percent more apartments supplied with gas than in 1949. In Kiev alone, gas was supplied for 16,745 apartments in 1950.(8) Altogether, by the end of 1950, 60,000 apartments and nearly every city rayon had been supplied with gas.(9)

It is estimated that 6 percent of the gas now wasted in coking plants of the South would be enough to satisfy the needs of most of the cities of the Donbass and the Dnepr River region.(10)

In the Moldavian SSR, more and more gas appliances are being used in Kishinev, Tiraspol', Bendery, Bel'tsy and other cities. Consequently, gas requirements increased considerably in 1951, and the Council of Ministers Moldavian SSR decided to commence building a gas storage plant.(11)

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